

CHAPTER XXI—Continued.

"Don't go to your mother's," she cried, following him up the hall, "for tonight, Dominick, please. And don't tell her, I beg, I pray of you, don't tell her till tomorrow."

Her manner was so pleading, so imploringly insistent, that he turned and looked somberly at her. She was evidently deeply in earnest, her face lined with anxiety.

"This is the last thing I'll ever ask of you. I know I've got no right to ask anything, but you're generous. You've been kind to me in the past, and I'll not ask you much, but to let me just once again. Go to a hotel, or the club, or anywhere you like, but not to your mother's and don't tell her till tomorrow afternoon."

He stared at her without speaking, wishing she would be silent and leave him.

"I'll not trouble you after tomorrow. I'll go. I'll get out. You'll never be bothered by me any more."

"All right," he said, "I'll go to the club. Let me alone, that's all, and let me go."

"And—and," she persisted, "you won't tell her till tomorrow, tomorrow afternoon?"

He had entered the parlor in which the Chinaman had lit the lamps, and opening the desk began hunting for his papers. To her last words he returned no answer, and she crept in after him and stood in the doorway, leaning against the woodwork of the door-frame.

"You won't tell her till tomorrow—tomorrow afternoon?"

He found the letters and drew them out of their pigeonhole.

"All right," he almost shouted, "I won't tell her. But, for God's sake, leave me alone and let me go. If you keep on following me round this way I can't answer for what I'll do."

"You promise then," she said, ignoring his heat. "You promise you'll not tell her till after three?"

He turned from the desk, gave her a look of restrained passion, and said, "I promise." Then passed by her as she stood in the doorway and walked to the stairhead. Here he paused, stood, and snatching it up he ran down the stairs and out of the house.

Bernice, hearing the door shut, returned to her room and went on with the work of sorting her wardrobe and packing her trunks. She did it deliberately and carefully, looking over each garment, and folding the choicest articles between sheets of tissue paper. At midnight she had not yet finished, and under the blaze of the gas, looking very tired, she went on smoothing skirts and pinching up the lace on bonnet as she laid them tenderly in the trays that stood on the bed, the table and the vanity. The night was far spent before everything was arranged to her satisfaction and she went to bed.

She was up betimes in the morning. Eight o'clock had not struck when she was making a list out of the parlor, picking up the scraps of silver and glass that she crowded down into cracks in the tightly-packed trunks. At breakfast the Chinaman, an oblique, observant eye on her, asked her what he should prepare for lunch. Conscious that if she told him she would not be back he might become alarmed at the general section and demand his wages, she ordered an even more elaborate menu than usual telling him she would bring home a friend.

She breakfasted in her wrapper and after the meal finished her toilet with the extreme nicety that she had taken more pains with herself. Though anxiety and strain had thinned and sharpened her, the fever of excitement which burnt in her temporarily repaired these ravages. Her eyes were brilliant without artificial aid; her cheeks had hot crimson that needed no rouge. The innate practicality of her character asserted

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Bernie listened with the hand holding the veil pressed against her mouth and her eyes staring over it. "It's all straight enough," she burst out, "what you say about telling your mother, I did it and I was crazy. I'll admit that. But you'll have to admit on your side that it was pretty much the way I was treated here. I ordered out like a peddler. I was sure, and it was you that made me so sure. I'll not deny that. But you brought it on yourself. And, anyway, what does it matter if I go? Maybe your daughter's mad and disgusted now, but women don't stay that way for ever. If I get out, drop out of sight, the way I intend to do, give Dominick his freedom, and let's see how she goes about what I said? Wouldn't any woman?"

The Bonanza King made no answer. He had no intention of talking with this objectionable woman about his daughter. But in his heart he hoped she would not stay that way for ever. If I get out, drop out of sight, the way I intend to do, give Dominick his freedom, and let's see how she goes about what I said? Wouldn't any woman?"

"See here," Bernie went on, "I'll leave a statement. I'll put it in your hands that I changed my mind and voluntarily left. I'll draw it up before a notary if you want. And it's true. She didn't think that I'm being forced out to make a place for her. I'm glad to go."

She had leaned nearer to him from the chair, one finger tapping the corner of the desk to emphasize her words. Scrutinizing her as she spoke, he became more than ever impressed with the conviction that she was held in a tremor of febrile excitement. Her voice had an under note of vibration in it, like the voice of one who breathes quickly. The orchid on her breast trembled with the trembling of her frame.

"Look here," he said quietly, "I want to understand this thing. What's made you change your mind so suddenly? A few days ago you were all up on little springs at the suggestion of taking that money. Here, this morning, in my parlor, and you're all of a tremble to get it. What's the meaning of it?"

"I can't stand it any more," she said. "When you said I couldn't have it, that I'd break down, you were right. I can't stand it. Nobody could. It's broken me to pieces. I want to get away from it all. I want to go somewhere where I'm at peace, where the people don't hate me and wound me."

Her voice suddenly grew hoarse and she stopped. He looked at her in surprise. She bent her head down, biting her under lip, and picked tremulously at the leaves of the purple orchid as if arranging them.

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IN BORROWED SET OF TEETH

Prospector Wanted to Appear Well in Photograph, and Effected Loan of Essentials.

Thomas Jefferson Stone was a typical claim holder and prospector. He came from Indiana. He had no teeth, his hair was gray, his features lank and withered, and he looked sixty-three or sixty-four. He told us, however, he was only forty-six. There was a clouded cloud, helpless air about him, and yet in his eyes there was a faint glimmering, the fire of a fading fanaticism. He was still the victim of obsession. He had been 25 years prospecting, picking out claims, hoping to strike it rich some day.

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CITY POINT. Mr. Smith of Pray, who has been employed here fixing up the residence of C. Nelson, was taken quite sick on Sunday night. He returned to his home Monday morning feeling a little better.

P. N. Nelson and daughter Gertrude spent last week with friends at Green Bay.

Mildred Jepson has spent the last two weeks, with relatives at Grand Rapids returning home Saturday.

Mrs. A. H. Hildebrand and two youngest children of Merrill are visiting with friends and relatives here.

Miss Elma Paulson who has been attending high school at Alma Center, is home for a short vacation.

Mayme McWold, who has been attending high school at Eau Claire the past two years, is home for her summer vacation.

Mrs. F. N. Nelson went to Merrill between trains last Thursday.

Mr. Gallivan, head man for Randall & Co., in the moss business here, returned to his home in Chicago Saturday and intends to stay until after the Fourth.

Miss Cullis to Knudsen spent Sunday with friends at Ogdensburg.

Rev. Norstrand spent last Sunday here and held services as usual in our church.

Lola Nelson, who has been attending the Normal training school at Grand Rapids the past year, is home for her vacation.

Peter Olson spent a day at Grand Rapids last week.

Louis Amundson came over in his auto a week ago last Saturday to visit friends and relatives returning to his home in the Rapids Sunday.

Alf Olson, who has been employed at Jamestown, N. D., spent a couple of weeks with his parents here leaving last Wednesday for Chicago and other points.

A. H. Knudsen of Grand Rapids, came down between trains last Wednesday to visit relatives.

Fishing seems to be the main amusement nowadays and a great many fish have been caught; some fine ones amongst them.

FOURTEEN MILE CREEK. A nice rain visited these parts last week.

Ernest Marth had a very sick horse on Monday.

Louis Wolpert was a Grand Rapids shopper Monday.

Mrs. Cora Brown and family visited at the S. W. Brown home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Jero were callers at the M. S. Winegarden home Sunday.

Fred Irwin played for a dance at the home of Mr. Lundquist at New Home last Saturday night.

Walter Potts of Wild Rose is here visiting his son John this week.

Everybody is invited to our picnic on the Fourth at the grove near the Baptist church.

SOUTH ARPIN. Gust Hessler is breaking ground for a new house.

Herman Robus of Arpin is helping Mr. Tomphorse with his spring work.

Among those who attended the dedication services at the Seneca church Sunday were Mrs. Krause, Clara Krause, Bertha Kluge, Amelia Kluge, Edna Tomphorse and Lydia Bassauer.

Christ Hansen was an Arpin caller Sunday.

Julius Kluge called at the Lewis Kluge home Sunday.

SOUTH RUDOLPH. Mrs. Chas. Mullen and children were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kutor of South Rudolph.

John Johnson is erecting a stone silo which is 30 feet high and 14 feet in diameter. Mr. Tim Norman is doing the mason work.

If you are looking for good results from your cows just take your cream to the Chambers Creamery Co. at Grand Rapids.

George Rivers has put a new culvert on the cross road near Willie Kutor's place.

WANT COLUMN. WANTED—Girl with some experience to set type. Times office, Nekeoma.

WANTED TO RENT—A farm with stock. V. C. Hill, Byron, Wis.—21, p.d.

FOR SALE—A five passenger Buick automobile in first class condition. Inquire Mrs. Geo. W. Davis.

FOR RENT—7 room house. Inquire of Fred Mosher.—11.

WANTED—Several experienced dining room girls at the Hotel Blochet, Marshfield, Wis. Wages \$20. per month.

PLEASANT HILL. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Meredith of Bancroft spent Sunday at the P. H. Likes home. Mr. Meredith was quite taken up with the country here and may locate here.

Those who took part in the Temperance program at the church, did themselves credit.

A picnic is being arranged for the 4th of July by the Sunday school to be held near the Oliver place. Let every one prepare to come and bring your baskets well filled with eatables.

Mr. Blodgett of Marshfield motored down here and spent part of the day with P. H. Likes. He was greatly surprised that we had such a fine country here. While here Mr. Likes made arrangements with him to get one of his registered Holstein bulls this fall or winter.

Oscar Dückle is working for Alfred Alms. Mr. Alms is building a large new basement barn on his place.

Mr. Kiegl, who lives north of us, has his large barn about completed.

We are having fine weather for growing crops.

Wm. Eucken and Will and Otto Erdman made a business trip to Grand Rapids last week.

Mary Johnson has the wall for her new barn about finished.

Louise Johnson has returned home from her studies at high school in Pittsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitlock made a business trip to Grand Rapids one day last week.

Mr. Popke has his barn about completed.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Likes spent last Friday at Grand Rapids.

Martin Zileisch of Fond du Lac, returned to his home Tuesday after a few days visit at the P. H. Likes home.

Mrs. Chas. Peters is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Pinning, during her sickness.

Lewis Pinning, Gladys Pinkley, Mart Robinson, Mabel Strope, Alfred Gronemeyer, and Ethel Strope enjoyed a picnic dinner on the Hemlock river on Sunday.

Ed Christensen had his barn fitted with lightning rods last week.

Otto Erdman and Miss Myrtle Moore were quietly married at their home at 8 o'clock by Rev. Wahl of Pittsville. We extend to them congratulations wishing them a long and prosperous life.

Mrs. Otto Erdman entertained her parents from Veedum Sunday.

Fred Johnson returned home from Wheaton where he has been attending college.

Fred Penske purchased a new Advance separator while in Fond du Lac last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horn are the proud parents of a baby girl born last Monday.

Chas. Horn has his new barn completed.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL. Mr. Frank Garrison received her new Cadillac car on Tuesday.

Miss Alma Lutz, who is attending school in Green Bay, is home to spend her vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Ray Love is visiting with relatives and friends in the southern part of the state.

John Normington is spending several days in Marshfield and Stevens Point on business.

E. C. Jacobson has traded his Imperial touring car to M. L. Ginsburg, taking in exchange Ginsburg's Winton car.

The barn of Frank Kulkuski of the South Side was struck by lightning during the storm Tuesday evening and burned to the ground.

Clark Snyder and Felix Walloch, who have been engaged in building the walls for the addition to the Catholic school on the east side, completed their work on Monday.

The one year old child of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wilson who live near the cemetery, had its skull fractured on Saturday by falling out of a chair and striking its head on a stove.

Mrs. Gus Michelson and daughter Evaline of Green Bay, who have been spending several weeks visiting at the Dave Lutz home, departed for their home on Saturday. Miss Evaline Lutz accompanied Mrs. Michelson home to visit in Green Bay for a time.

Dr. A. L. Ridgman returned on Friday from Minneapolis, where he spent several days attending the annual convention of the American Medical Society of the United States. While there Mr. Ridgman met several of his college chums who were attending the meeting.

A love letter, cure for the toothache and a complaint of bad boarding house fare were lately discovered in excavated writings 4,000 years old. From this evidence the world has not changed so much since then.

Miss Mae Schnabel, who has been attending the Superior Normal, graduates from that institution this week and is expected home next week to Mr. and Mrs. John Schnabel. Miss Schnabel has accepted a position to teach at Rice Lake during the coming school year.

Bisbee-Lasso. Miss Bern Bisbee, daughter of E. T. Bisbee, and Wm. Lasso of Wausau, were married at Merrill on Thursday afternoon at 4:30, Rev. J. S. Wilson performing the ceremony. Mr. Lasso holds a position with the Merrill Veneer Co.

ADVERTISED LETTERS. Ladies: Binger, Mrs. Frank, (2); Binger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank, card; Cashner, Miss V.; McArthur, Mrs. Anna (D. L.); Mediscar, Miss R.; Souers, Miss Laura; Ward, Mrs. C. Gentlemen: Bandy, Glenn, card; Chas, Felix, card; Creed, Bob; Tede, E.; Tisher, John, card; Messenger, C. Ed., card.

The citizens of our neighboring town of Wausau are all busy getting ready for the annual Chautauqua. The last year advent was a great success and this year the entire populace is going to take off a week from business, picnic, take in the Chautauqua and have a good time generally. But the Wausauites are always friendly and so do not want to have it all to themselves, and so have asked the editor to invite all his readers to come down for the entire week and if that is not possible then for as many days as they can, and if business won't let them go during the week, to at least spend Sunday with them. So dear readers, remember the invitation and come to Wausau. The Chautauqua will commence Sunday afternoon, July 6th, and continue every afternoon and evening through July 13th. It is again being held at the beautiful pavilion at Rothschild.

The editor can assure his readers that they will never regret having gone as it offers a rare opportunity for education and enjoyment.

Miller-Cepress. Miss Martha Miller and Walter Cepress, both of the town of Sigel, were married at the Polish Catholic church in the town of Sigel on Monday morning at nine o'clock. After the ceremony a big wedding celebration was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Miller which was attended by a large crowd. They will make their home on a farm in the town of Sigel.

Salting Cabbage. For several years I have raised cabbages and found it advantageous after setting out the plant, to drop a little salt on the heart of the cabbage, says a writer on the Fruit Grower. When the salt is dissolved by rain, or some other agent, it should be removed, and the process continued until all danger from cabbage worms is past.

A cabbage treated in this way will grow much larger, and when the head is cut open it will not be found honey-combed with worm holes.

JOHNSON & HILL COMPANY

GRAND RAPIDS, WISCONSIN.

LUCKY PURCHASE SALE

A Lucky Purchase of seasonable merchandise enables us to offer you some exceptional bargains in Corsets, Hand Bags, Shoes, Hardware, Outing Flannel, Clothing, Men's Hats, Crockery, Grocers Sundries, and many other items that means a saving of one half the price on many of these articles. Come to this sale it means money for you. Sale commences Thursday morning, June 26th, and continues until Thursday night, July 3rd. Note these prices:

Lucky Purchase Sale of Shoes

These Shoes were bought at a big sacrifice in price and we offer them during this Lucky Purchase Sale at about Half their real value.

Ladies' Shoes

Women's Patent Leather Shoes with cloth top, a small lot but worth \$3.50, Lucky Purchase sale price per pair..... **98c**

Women's Tan Button Oxford Shoes, well made and up-to-date in style, worth \$3.75 but during the Lucky Purchase sale..... **\$1.95**

Women's Low Pump Shoes, in black suede, black velvet or tan calf, up to the minute in style and a regular \$3.50 value, for the Lucky Purchase sale..... **\$1.95**

Women's House Slippers, Dongola hand turned with or without rubber heel, the regular low price is \$1.75, Lucky Purchase sale price per pair..... **98c**

Men's Shoes

Men's Tan Oxfords, in tie or button, the new styles, hand sewed, regular values \$3.50 and \$4.00, Lucky Purchase sale..... **\$2.45**

Men's Tan High Button Shoes, up-to-date in style, hand sewed, regular value \$3.50 and \$4.00, Lucky Purchase sale..... **\$2.45**

Men's Heavy Work Shoes, one buckle and lace regular value \$1.50, Lucky Purchase sale price per pair..... **95c**

Women's White Canvas Shoes

Women's White Canvas Shoes, high tops, well made and the regular value is \$3.00, \$2.75 and \$2.50. Lucky Purchase Sale price per pair..... **\$1.65**

Women's White Canvas Pumps, with or without strap, regular value \$1.75 to \$2.50, Lucky Purchase Sale price per pair..... **95c**

Lucky Purchase Sale of Corsets

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Corsets for 19c

One lot of Corsets that were soiled in shipping, regular prices \$1.00 and \$1.25, Lucky Purchase Sale price..... **19c**

\$2.00 and \$2.25 Corsets for 49c

One lot of Corsets, Alberta make, regular price \$2.00 and \$2.25. Some of these corsets the elastic on the hose supporters have become weakened but otherwise in good condition, Lucky Purchase sale price..... **49c**

Lucky Purchase Sale of Plain Outing Flannel

Plain Twilled, Outing or Shaker Flannel, in pure white, pink or light blue, sold in many stores for 12 1/2c a yard, Lucky Purchase Sale price per yard..... **7 1/2c**

Lucky Purchase Sale of Hand Bags

\$2.00 Hand Bags for 95c.

Women's Hand Bags, guaranteed leather and leather lined, German silver mountings, in either bright or gunmetal finish, a regular \$2.00 Bag, Lucky Purchase Sale price **95c**

Lucky Purchase Sale of Whips

Whips at Half Price

One lot of Whips, ranging in price from 30c to \$2.00, Lucky Purchase Sale price **Just Half.**

Paint, Oil and Wall Paper Dept.

Our Johnson & Hill Co.'s Paint has been Tested Out. It has proved to be just as good as any paint that others charge 50c per gallon more than we do. If you need paint get the Johnson & Hill Co.'s brand, per gallon..... **\$1.10**

Varnish, per gallon..... **\$1.87**

If you are thinking of doing some painting, do not neglect to let us figure with you for we can save you money. We carry all kinds of paint materials always on hand.

Granite Ware at Half Price

300 pieces of Granite ware bought at the Lucky Purchase consisting of Kettles, Pans, etc., to be placed on sale at **Just Half Price.**

Silverware, Sterling Plated

This is a rare opportunity to get good silver so cheap, **only 9c each.** The line consists of Tea Spoons, Table and Dessert Spoons, Berry Spoons, Knives and Forks, Soup Ladles, Butter Knives, Sugar shells.

In Our Pure Food Grocery

Here we list a few specials of our many bargains: You can always save money by buying your Food Products here.

Canned 2 lb. Corn, the 10c grade, now..... **8 1/2c** each, dozen **98c**

Canned 2 lb. Peas, the 12c grade, now..... **9 1/2c** each, dozen **\$1.08**

Canned 3 lb. Peas, the 15c grade, now..... **11c** each, dozen **\$1.25**

Canned 3 lb. Plums, the 12c grade, now..... **9 1/2c** each, dozen **\$1.08**

Canned 2 lb. Pork and Beans, the 12c grade..... **9c** each, doz. **\$1.03**

Canned 1 lb. Salmon, the 12c grade, now..... **8 1/2c** each, doz. **98c**

Bologna Sausage, genuine, the pound..... **11c**

Oatmeal, 7 lbs. for..... **20c**

Rice, the best whole, 4 lbs..... **27c**

Prunes, very good ones, the pound..... **5c**

Dried Apples, very good, the pound..... **9c**

10 pounds of Sugar for..... **47c**

Raisins, per package..... **6c**

Argo Starch, the 5c package, each..... **3c**

Cookies, very good, the pound..... **9c**, 3 lbs. for **27c**

Tea, very fine, the pound..... **27c**

Coffee, Santos, the pound..... **18c**

Fruit Jars

These prices will move, then do not delay buying your jars now as they will be higher.

Pints **38c** dozen. Quarts **48c** dozen. 2 quarts **60c** dozen.

Mason Jar Covers, the dozen..... **19c**

Best grade of Can Rubbers, per doz. **10c**, or 3 dozen for **25c**

Ask to see one of our new Mason Jar Wrenches; this is the best wrench ever patented. Every person using Mason fruit jars ought to have one of these wrenches, each..... **19c**

Lucky Purchase Sale on Colgate Toilet Articles

25c Toilet Water..... **15c**

25c Talcum Powder..... **15c**

25c Shaving Powder and Stick..... **15c**

25c Tooth Paste..... **19c**

50c Graves' Tooth Powder..... **25c**

Lucky Purchase Sale Velvet Corduroy

300 yards Velvet Corduroy, 30 inches wide, in brown only, regular price is 75c a yard, Lucky Purchase Sale price..... **29c**

Lucky Purchase Sale Hardware

Ironing Boards with folding legs, well made in every way, regular price \$1.50, Lucky Purchase Sale price each..... **79c**

Sleeve Ironing Boards, Lucky Purchase Sale price..... **19c**

Prussian Fly Killer

Prussian Fly Killer keeps the flies from your cows and horses. We have a quantity of this fly killer bought at a big sacrifice in price, which enables us to offer a regular 50c size can and a good sprayer both for..... **50c**

The sprayer can be used for Paris Green in spraying potatoes.

Lucky Purchase Sale of Clothing

75 Suits of clothing bought at the Lucky Purchase and will be sold at a big reduction in prices.

One lot All Wool Suits in pretty mixtures and stripes, regular price up to \$10.00, Lucky Purchase sale price..... **\$6.45**

One lot All Wool, extra fine, Suits, well made and up-to-date in style, regular price up to \$18.00, sale price..... **\$10.95**

Boys' and Men's Straw Hats

One large lot soft Straw Hats, reg. price 25c Lucky Purchase sale price each **10c**

One lot Men's Suspenders, regular 50c grade, Lucky Purchase price each..... **33c**

Men's 10c Cotton Sox, Lucky Purchase sale price per pair..... **6c**

Lucky Purchase Sale Crockery

Extra Special

Bowls, large size, each..... **5c**

Pitcher for cream, each..... **5c**

Today this sale we will allow 20 per cent discount on all Fancy pieces of crockery.